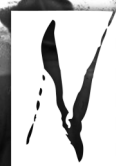


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Letter from the Directors

Dear Friends,

With the arrival of our newsletter we wish you and your loved ones healthy and well. We recognize that over the past several months our community has witnessed numerous irregular events that have brought with them waves of emotion and differing reactions and will continue to do so. We want you to know that we care deeply about you. We hope to provide optimism as well as a place for you to reflect and learn from the past.

Our team has worked diligently with Brown County Public Health and Risk Management on increased protocols to safely reopen and stay that way. At the same time, we launched the open call for art submissions for the 75th Art Annual exhibit and have been working with community partners on collaborations for 2021 exhibits.

Additionally, after sixteen months of hard work, we are proud to welcome you to the renovated core gallery. The *Generations Gallery* is filled with public favorites, such as Stompy the Mastodon and the Ice Harvesting video in their new environment, as well as brand new displays featuring exposed collections and art from the permanent collection only seen in collections storage until this day.

Now that the renovated *Generations Gallery* is open to the public our focus will shift to American Alliance of Museums reaccreditation, the launch of a new website on a new platform, and the development of a community engagement plan. For the long-term success of our cultural institution the community engagement plan will have an emphasis on increasing attendance and revenue while working with strategic community partners to utilize collections housed at the Museum.

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you here soon!

Sincerely,



Beth Lemke
Executive Director
Neville Public Museum



Kasha Huntowski
Executive Director
Neville Public Museum Foundation

Welcome New Members!

Family - Lee & Kathleen Anderson, David & Aymee Balison, Jules & Juliana Blank, Diane Conway, Bill & Kim Czaja, Jason & Sandi Delvaux, Christopher & Julie Downing, Jake & Becky Hasseler, Andrew & Jessica Hudak, Mark Kasper, Joel Kuhnle & Holly Hiller-Kuhnle, William Lewis, Rob & Renee Lippert, Brian Mannering, Nadine Mathu, Marcus & Theresa Mergener, Phillip & Susan Mikulsky, Katie Moss, Katie Murphy, Anne Reinert, Dick & Sharon Resch, MacKenzie Schneider, Larry & Katherine Treankler, Gary & Sandi VanSistine, Daniel & Jeanne Verbanac, Matthew & Heather Wirz, Mark & Jeanne Wolf, Kristen Wolfe

Pioneer – Jeffrey & Bridget Erwin

Individual – Jeanine Gerczak, Thomas Zwicky

Dual - Delores Hartung, Diane Lenz, Alex & Corrine Lewis, Blair & Jessica Marks, Douglas Orlowski & Sarah Sanchez, Art & Sara Piper

Upcoming Exhibits



75th Art Annual

October 31—January 3, 2021

Art exhibits have always been a significant part of the Neville Public Museum's history going back to our founding in 1915. However, it was in 1942 that the museum's director, Earl Wright, initiated a juried art competition. Since that time, the Art Annual has become an important bridge between the artistic communities of Northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Generations of artists that apply each year and it is the Art Annual that connects these generations through art here.



Holiday Memories of Downtown Green Bay

November 21—January 10, 2021

The animated figures that once adorned the H.C. Prange's department store windows are featured in this exhibit along with the Enchanted Forest, the Snow Babies and charming forest animal collections. *Holiday Memories* is a wonderful family tradition for all to enjoy!



Oneida Nation Arts Program – Three Traditional Art Forms

January 9—June 13, 2021

From historic Oneida artists, to renewal and revitalization of traditional art forms, this exhibit will highlight the cultural significance and enduring legacy of basketry, pottery and silverwork among the Oneida people. The intention of this art exhibit is to showcase the functional and aesthetic aspects these art forms have among broader Haudenosaunee artists and open the door for the renaissance of Native arts and culture. To put it in the Oneida language, Tetwa'tlatsta' (Day-dwa-tlats-staa) "We are going over it again."



Green Bay Art Colony

January 23—March 14, 2021

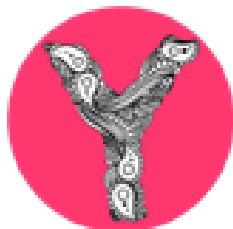
In 1915, nine women created the Green Bay Art Club to assure that art and culture would be part of the local community. That same year, they organized a one-week exhibit of historically significant objects in the basement of the original library at the northeast corner of Jefferson and Doty streets. Every year since 1927 an exhibit of the Colony members' current artwork has been exhibited at the Neville.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Art

January 30—March 7, 2021

Since 1995, Brown County students have been challenged to paint, draw, or draft a piece of creative writing celebrating a theme inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This celebration is organized by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, St. Norbert College, Green Bay Area Public Schools, Green Bay Police Department, Northeast Wisconsin African American Association, Humana, Bellin Health, as well as community members.



Youth Art Month

February 6—March 28, 2021

Experience the many creative works of art by students in grades K through 12 from 19 counties in Northeast Wisconsin. This multi-media exhibit, sponsored by the Wisconsin Art Education Association, highlights Youth Art Month, a national celebration sponsored by The Council for Art Education. The annual celebration emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in Wisconsin schools. Selected works from this exhibit will move onto the state exhibit in Madison.



Under the Surface: Photographic Journey of Hope and Healing

March 6—May 23, 2021

Water has the power to heal and restore. This power is on display in an exhibit of images created in a therapeutic program for young people struggling with mental health issues. The underwater images were taken by clients in a residential treatment program called Northwest Passage, based in Webster, Wisconsin. In addition to photographs, the students wrote stories and poetry describing their experiences or feelings about the images. The result is a powerful exhibit on the healing potential of the natural world. This exhibit is on loan from Wisconsin Sea Grant .

*Exhibit schedule and titles subject to change

Event Calendar

September

2 - Explorer Wednesday: Amazing Dinosaurs
26 - Parkaeology at Bay Shore Park

October

7 - Explorer Wednesday: Sugar Skull Jars
29 - Dinner Program: Jenny Appleseed

November

4 - Explorer Wednesday: Thanksgiving

December

8 - A Night at the Museum
31 - US Bank Eve

January

6 - Explorer Wednesday: TBD

February

3 - Explorer Wednesday: TBD

March

3- Explorer Wednesday: TBD

April

1 - Dinner Program: Empire Fish
7 - Explorer Wednesday: TBD

*Program dates and titles subject to change

Event Evolution

While our calendar may appear sparse compared to that of previous years, we are still hard at work making plans for our next opportunity to gather with you! The world of events has changed, but here at the Neville we are evolving to best accommodate our friends, donors, and community members:

- **Dinner Programs** scheduled for April and May 2020 have been postponed to April 1, 2021 (Empire Fish featuring Joe Kutchera) and October 29, 2020 (Jenny Appleseed featuring Jessica Michna). If you have already purchased tickets for either of these shows, you are already on the list for the new dates! For those wondering when the next season of programming will be announced, please stay tuned: we hope to release an abbreviated calendar for Spring 2021.
- **Explorer Wednesdays** are now **free** for all Brown County residents from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month! During these expanded hours we hope to connect with even more of our friends and neighbors, and invite everyone to reserve their timeslot ahead of time to secure your participation in the month's featured art project, science experiment, or spotlight tour.
- Holiday Memories will be shaped anew this year too. While we are still hopeful **Bruce the Spruce** will make his seasonal visit, our elves are busily brainstorming the best way to make the 2020 **Children Only Shop** better and safer than ever. Keep saving your pennies, tiny shoppers: we plan to meet all your gifting needs with the same magic we know you look forward to year after year!



We truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we reshape and reimagine your favorite events to continue bridging communities and connecting generations. To ensure you are staying up-to-date with all the latest news in events and throughout the Neville Public Museum, we encourage you to check out our website and Facebook page. Should you have questions pertaining to these events and other Neville happenings, please contact Foundation Development & Events Coordinator, Katy Maier at (920) 448-7874 or katy.maier@browncountywi.gov. We can't wait to see you!

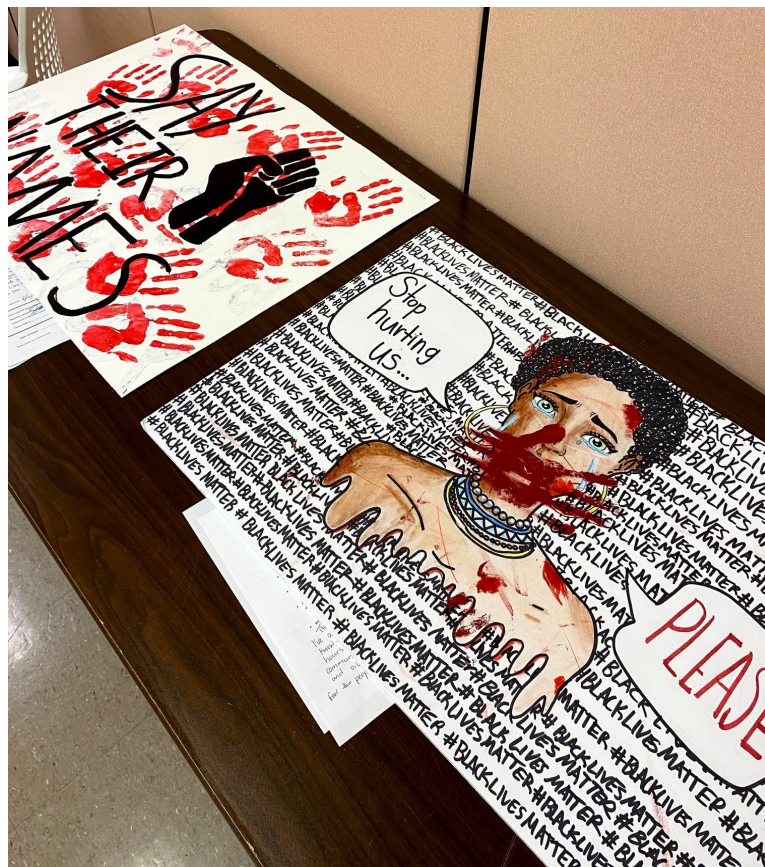
Collections Corner

Protest Artifacts

Museums often look to the past at turning points in history and try to interpret these events through artifacts and archival materials in their collection. We are now living in one of these moments, and it is our responsibility as cultural arbiters to collect the stories of today to help create change and understanding in the future.

Following the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd at the hands of law enforcement earlier this year, protests against police brutality flared up across the globe including here in Northeastern Wisconsin. In an ongoing effort to create exhibits and programs that are inclusive and accessible to everyone who walks through our doors, the Neville appealed to participants to share personal objects and experiences surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement.

In the week following the protests we received donations from over 20 people including posters, t-shirts, photographs, and even shoes worn during citywide marches. We spoke to organizers rallying for change and neighbors voicing concerns for marginalized populations desperate for a more



equitable future. We heard hope and frustration, appreciation for community and why a message of inclusion matters here and now. Some who hadn't seen themselves previously represented in the local narrative suddenly felt a part of a broader landscape. All brought their voice and passion to a difficult but necessary conversation.

As a nationally accredited institution, the Neville follows best practices put forth by the American Alliance of Museums. Based on this, protest artifacts will now be reviewed by our Collections Committee headed by our Director to determine what will be added to our permanent collection. Future generations may see these pieces, drawn, worn, and created by your neighbors, and feel connected to a more universal purpose that once felt isolating. It is our responsibility to collect the stories of today to help create change and understanding in the future. Accepted donations will help share the story with future generations by being preserved for research and exhibits.

Volunteer Spotlight

Lynda Noel

"Honestly I never stepped foot into this building before I started volunteering," admits long time volunteer, Lynda Noel. "I remember visiting the old (Kellogg Library) place as a child but never thought to return as an adult." To say she has grown up to be a Neville regular would be an understatement. Over a decade since responding to an ad found through Lifelong Learning calling for community volunteers, Lynda now works weekly in our Gift Shop, every holiday season in the Children Only Shop, and throughout the year at our exhibit receptions and Dinner Programs. "I wanted to get involved but didn't think I would be qualified to work in a high-emotion capacity like animal rescue. This is a happy place with wonderful people and always something new to learn!"

As a Green Bay native, Lynda appreciates the Neville as a place to showcase the many dimensions of her hometown. "We're more than just the Packers!" she laughs. When asked about her favorite exhibits, she fondly recalls *Our Brown County*, celebrating 200 years of that which makes this the place we choose to live, work, and play. "It's really a proud little community full of folks who want to lift each other up. Yes there's modern exhibits here, but the history is so interesting. It draws people in and connects them across time and distance."

It is this unique collaborative spirit that she feels as a volunteer. "I enjoy working the Dinner Programs because you get to serve and enjoy a good meal with friends, catch an entertaining program then discuss it afterwards while we all clean up together. I always learn something and I always have fun!"

Fun and learning are top priorities here at the Neville, and Lynda loves showcasing that in our Gift Shop. "I love how many local things we sell here, how many history books, and children's books and toys that are not readily available in big box stores." Whether or not folks leave with a bag of goodies or simply memories, Lynda loves welcoming guests from near and far. "I hope that they learn something and put it on the list to come back and see what changes. I hope people feel welcome."

With a bright smile and easy conversation with anyone who walks through her door, Lynda is a spirited ambassador and valued member of the Neville team. We appreciate her commitment to bridging communities and connecting generations with us!



Show the Neville you care!

The Neville staff continues our mission-centered work to preserve and care for collections, develop educational resources and programs, and plan future exhibitions to help educate and inspire our patrons and help bridge communities and connect generations. If you would like to support the efforts of our institution please consider your **CARES Act** benefit for donation.

The Charitable Contributions Act has been amended for the 2020 tax year to allow deductions up to \$300 in cash contributions above and beyond the standard deduction. If the Neville is so lucky to receive your contribution, you will not only get a \$300 deduction from the **CARES Act**, but you will be helping us fulfill our mission! We truly appreciate your support and thank you for thinking of us.

Thank you to our donors for making all of these programs and events possible!

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From the Archives



Above: This photograph was taken at the Brown County Circuit Court during the semi-annual naturalization proceedings before Judge Donald Gleason on April 21, 1967. In total, 31 individuals from 11 different countries became new United States citizens. The countries represented were Germany, Canada, Great Britain, Egypt, Italy, Netherlands, Ireland, Poland, Japan, Argentina, and the Philippines. (Photo #27.1988.5803.G1)

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From cover: Local residents gathered at the Chicago Northwestern Depot to get a glimpse of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Republican candidate's stop in Green Bay was part of his campaign swing through Wisconsin in October 1952. Eisenhower won a decisive victory against Democratic opponent Adlai Stevenson with 55% of the popular vote in November of that year (Photo #Eisenhower, Gen. D.D., 10/3/1952f14)



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